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DEPTEL 161 - MORRIS SUPERSONIC STORY.

EXPRESSED TO PRIMIN OCT 19 STRONG USG IRRITATION OVER JOE ALEX MORRIS STORY AND WHAT APPEARED BE OBVIOUS LEAK FROM GOJ SOURCES, NOTING THAT SUCH PRESS STORIES COULD ONLY COMPLICATE ALREADY DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

PRIMIN EXPRESSED SINCERE REGRETS FOR STORY, BUT INSISTED LEAK HAD NOT COME FROM ANY RESPONSIBLE JORDANIAN OFFICIAL. HE REFERRED TO HIS OCTOBER 11 PRESS CONFERENCE (EMBTEL 206) AS EVIDENCE OF FACT JORDANI[illegible]-FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS KNOWN IN

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PRESS CIRCLES, ADDING THAT FEW GOJ OFFICIALS KNEW REAL FACTS, NONE WOULD HAVE SUPPLIED DISTORTED INFORMATION GIVEN MORRIS, AND CERTAINLY GOJ RECORD ON SUPERSONICS INDICATED EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO OUR POSITION. HE WAS SORRY IF STORY CREATED FURTHER PROBLEMS BUT WISHED ME ASSURE WASHINGTON INFORMATION HAD NOT BEEN LEAKED BY GOJ.

DATT HAS ALSO CONTACTED JAA OFFICER WHOM WE KNOW MORRIS SAW AT SOME LENGTH AND WHILE WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT RELIABILITY OF THIS OFFICER, DATT IS REASONABLY SATISFIED HE WAS NOT SOURCE. MORRIS STORY HAS NOT APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS BUT NEW YORK TIMES VERSION ON FRENCH SUPERSONIC DEAL IS SUMMARIZED OCTOBER 20 PAPERS.

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